

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Appln of: Zhang, Hongbin et al. Atty. Docket: TCM215/1072  
Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR POLARIZATION CONTROL  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.111**

This is in response to the non-final office action mailed March 20, 2006. A petition for a one-month extension of time is enclosed herewith to extend the shortened-statutory term for response from June 20, 2006 to July 20, 2006. Applicants believe no other extension of time is required. However, Applicants conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 12 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.